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The present season of the Bandmann Comedy Company is now drawing to a close. They leave for Shanghai with the English mail to-morrow, a circumstance to be regretted, for the large audiences which nightly fill the Theatre Royal testify to their popularity. Last night the theatre was again crowded, when "Diana of Dobson's" was staged. Miss Florence Hamer, as Diana, gave us of her very best, acting with fine feeling and exquisite grace, especially in the third act, when she discloses her true position to the young guardian who wishes to marry her. Mr. Douglas Vigors, as the Hon. Victor Brotherton, who finds it hard to exist on £600 a year, gave a capital presentation of a somewhat difficult part. The other members of the company ably supported the principals throughout. To-night Sir John Hare's famous play "The Gay Lord Quex" will be produced.

## CONCERT IN CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHAMEN, 22nd December.  
Last night the concert given by the German and Swiss residents of the Shamoen was held in the Club Theatre. The invitation was extended beyond the club members and visitors to all Canton residents, and the theatre was very much more crowded than is usual on the Shamoen.

The artists were the band of S. M. S. Fuerstliemerk, and as Hongkong knows their capabilities I need not dilate at length upon the programme.

The Huguenots was performed splendidly, but the old favourite, William Tell, was somewhat of a disappointment. Herr Krueger's Violin Solo was appreciated so well that he was loudly encored and had to give up part of the solo again. Item No. 8 was not very pretty indeed.

The concert ended by the band playing, God save the King, but those of us who expected Die Wacht am Rhein to follow were greatly disappointed.

The British Consul proposed a vote of thanks to the band and the German and Swiss residents, which was responded to by good ringing three cheers and a tiger.

The reception given, in the courteous and careful attention accorded to each piece and the prolonged applause that followed must have proved very gratifying to the band and to the hosts for the night.

## BRITISH OIL STEAMER IN FLAMES OFF PASIR PANJANG.

Eighty-eight thousand cases of kerosene oil and 3,000 drums of benzine were on board of this oil steamer Kalomo when she caught fire in the danger zone of the Singapore harbour anchorage shortly before six o'clock, on December 16.

Smoke was seen rising from the bunker hatch, and a hasty investigation was made by the officers aboard, who, finding that the fire was likely to get beyond control, effected communication with Blaken Hall, from whence a telephone message was sent to the Master Attendant's office and to the Fire Brigade at Tanjong Pagar Dock. The powerful fire boat, Varonnie, started away to the burning ship, then well alight, and poured thousands of tons of water into the blazing hatchways, but this seemed to have little effect, as the fire continued to spread, the long tongue of flame rising high in the air and lighting up the palm-fringed beach of Pasir Panjang.

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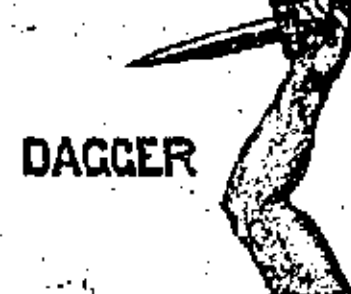
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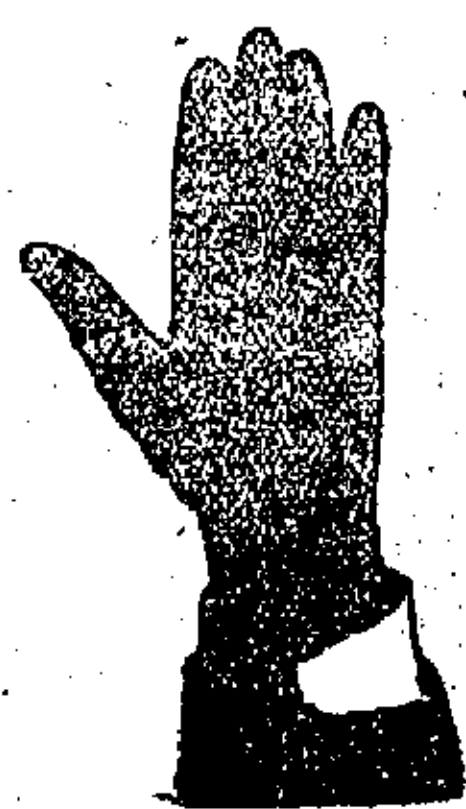
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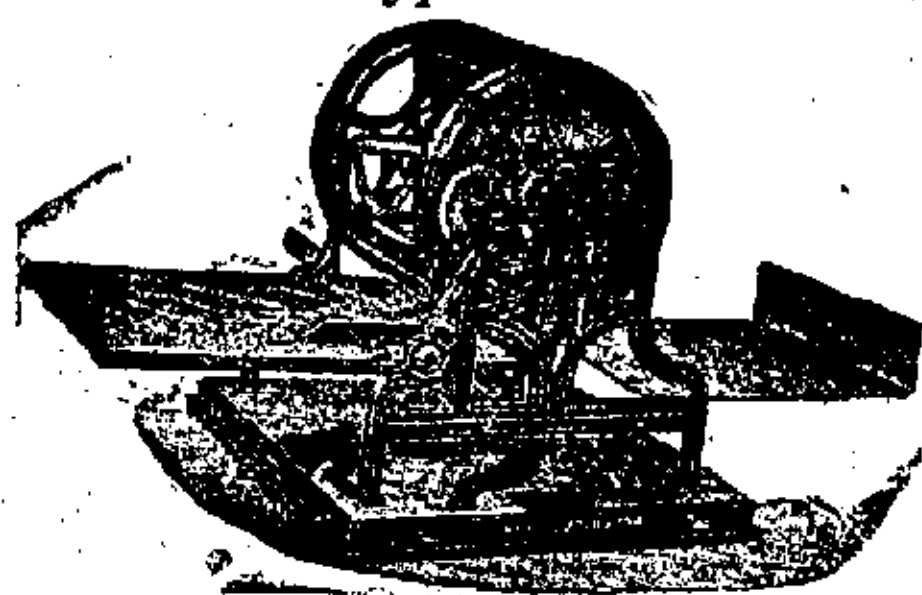
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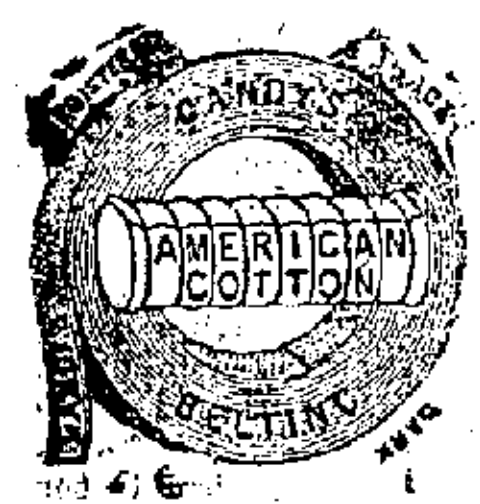
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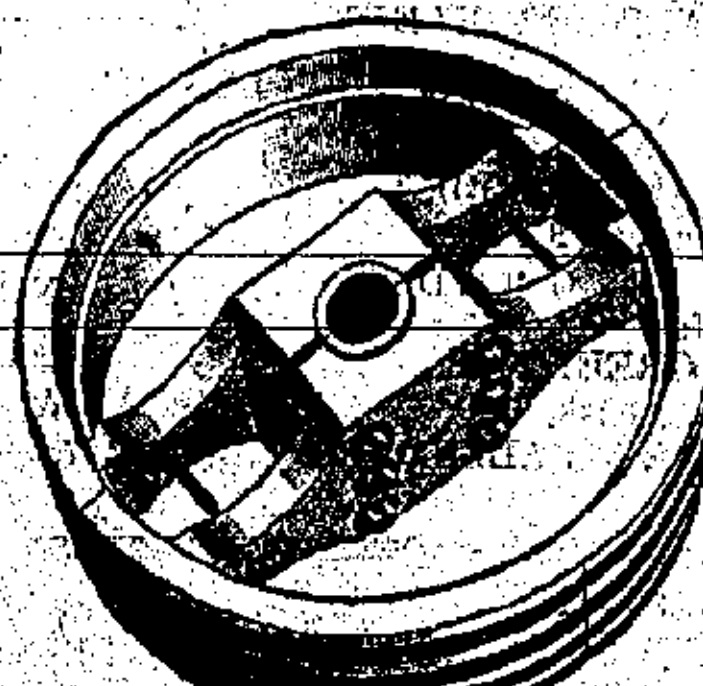
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, November 13.

A FORTH AND CLYDE SHIP CANAL.

The agitation in favour of a new, or at

any rate an enlarged canal between the

Forth and Clyde, appears to be gathering

strength. It is true that this week it was

stated in Parliament that the Admiralty

do not consider the deepening and widen-

ing of the Forth and Clyde Canal, so as to

provide a waterway from the East to the

West of Scotland, to be a pressing question

from a Naval point of view. But in such

matters the Government have not always

the last word; and in certain contemplated

contingencies it is believed that considerable

pressure might be brought to bear upon the

Admiralty and Treasury. An influential

syndicate has under serious consideration a

scheme for a deep draught canal through

the narrow slip of land between the two

great estuaries. Lord Strathcona, Sir John

Jackson, and Councillor John MacFarlane

of Glasgow have had an interview with the

Secretary for Scotland, and the mention

of these names puts the matter far above

mere rumour and brings it within the realm

of practical politics. When they speak

they mean business. They laid before the

right hon. gentleman a definite proposal to

construct a new canal from the Forth to

Loch Lomond, and then to Loch Long, the

waterway to be sufficient to take ships of 35

feet draught. Of course the Secretary for

Scotland could only give a non-committal

answer; nothing more was to be expected.

The negotiations, however, will not rest at

this point.

One engineering difficulty which has to

be faced in connection with the canal is

the locks, and it is understood that the

Blackman system is most in favour, which

means that there will be only two locks,

one at each end.

A syndicate has also made an offer to

purchase the present canal from its pro-

prietors, presumably for reconstruction.

Everything, of course, is in the air; but

with rival schemes, and money behind

them, we may hear of an important

development of the Scottish canal system

at almost any moment.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

The curtain is rung down on the Scottish

National Exhibition. Two or three years

ago, when the scheme was first mooted, a

strong body of opinion existed in Edinburgh

against the adventure. There were bitter

recollections of the Exhibition of 1890, its

lamentable failure, and the calling upon the

guarantors to implement their cautionary

undertaking. But the promoters were not

to be daunted, after several false starts

the Exhibition was got under way, and—

well, its popularity has been its justifica-

tion. Three things contributed to its suc-

cess—its size, which was small; its nature,

which was that of a parade and playground;

and its weather, which was of an exceed-

ingly favourable description for this our

unreliable latitude. As for any educational

influence, the Exhibition was practically

a failure. Except for the galleries of

Scottish art and the collection of Jacobite

and regimental relics, it had nothing about

it of an instructive or strictly improving

character. It caught on, to give the

plain, unvarnished truth, because of its

merry-go-rounds and its music. One

thing the Exhibition has shown, that there

is a growing desire for out-door recreation,

although in this we have still a far way to

go to reach anything like the tastes or

manners of our Continental neighbours.

The Exhibition has been visited by nearly

three million and half of people, and there

is a satisfactory surplus of £20,000.

ABERDEEN RECTORIAL CONTEST.

The students of Aberdeen University

have had a short and sharp struggle for

the election of their Lord Rector. It was

a straight political fight between Mr

Asquith and Sir Edward Carson, and Mr

Asquith captured three of the four

"nations," and had an aggregate majority

of 64 votes on a poll of 800. A Prime

Minister of whatever complexion is obvious-

ly a strong candidate in a student con-

stituency, and Sir Edward Carson has

therefore done as well as can be expected.

Besides, he was almost unknown to the

electors, most of his work having been in

connection with Irish affairs. For the

three Universities, the Unionists have thus

obtained two Lord Rectors (Glasgow and

Edinburgh), and the Liberals one (Aber-

deen),—what may be termed a good work-

ing majority.

The division of Scottish students into

"Nations" is often a puzzle to those out-

side Scottish University circles. In Aber-

deen, the students are arranged ac-

cording to their places of origin,—*Mac-*

*Duchan, Moray, and Angus*—and each

"nation" votes separately, the majority of

the "nation" deciding the elec-

tion. The term and the custom is a

picturesque survival of medieval times.

Aberdeen University was founded, like

many others, on the lines of the old

University of Paris, one of the distinctive

features of that University being the divi-

sion of its students into four "nations"—

France, Normandy, Picardy, and England

(afterwards Germany). The Universities

of Glasgow and Aberdeen are probably the

only two of the many that still retain these

ancient lines of supposed nationality, and

they act upon them in their Rectorial

elections.

At the quarterly meeting of the Grand

Lodge of Scottish Freemasons, Sir Charles

Dalrymple, F.G.M. presiding, charters were

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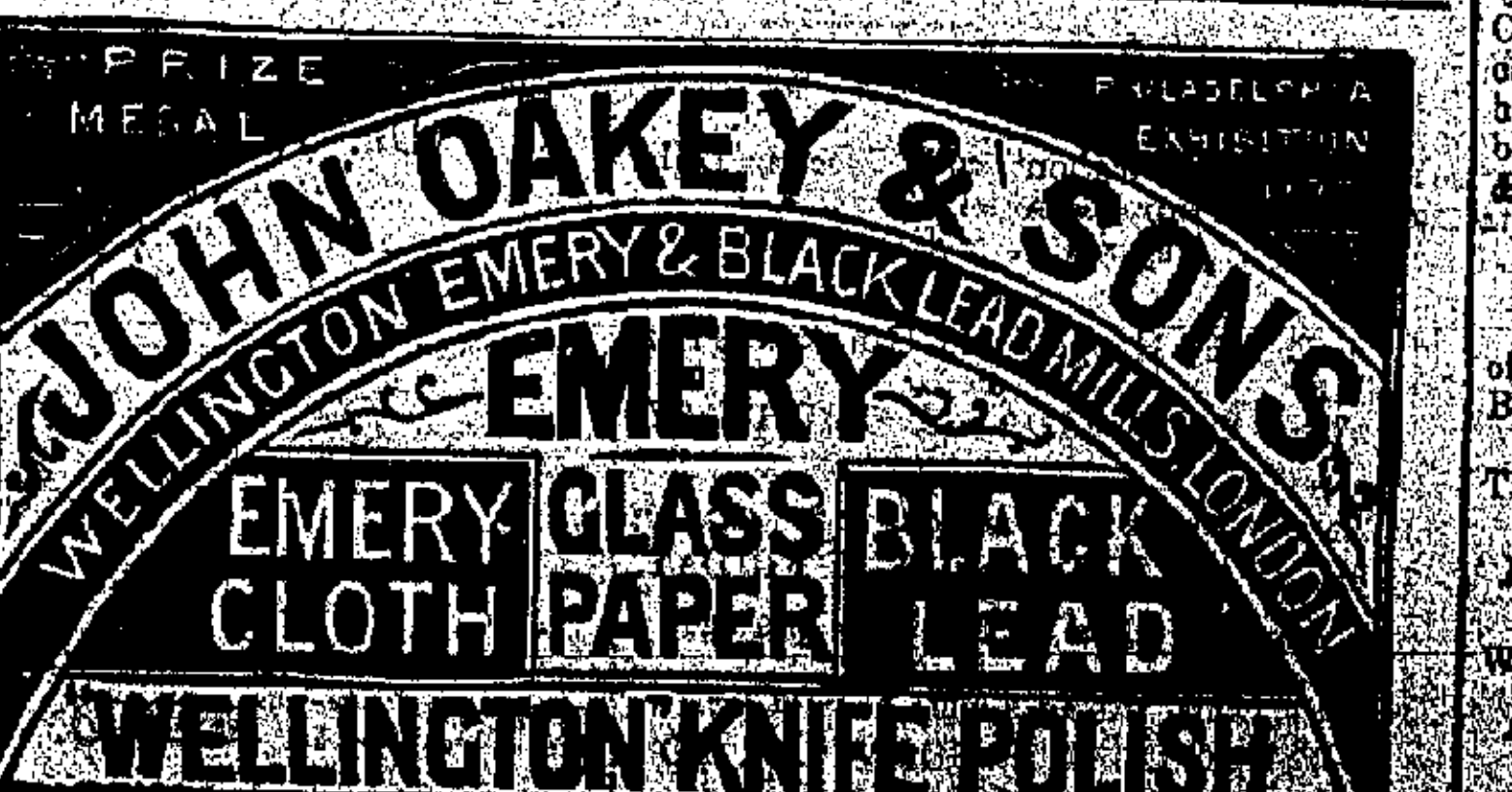
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UNTIL 7 P.M.  
The same hours will be observed at the  
KOWLOON DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, December 23, 1903. 1751

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6  
of 1876 the EXCHANGE BANKS  
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PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and  
SATURDAY, 25th and 26th inst.  
Hongkong, December 21, 1903. 1709



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## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 26:—

9 p.m.—Grand Concert at City Hall.

MONDAY, December 28:—

230 p.m.—Auction of Oil-Paintings, at

Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the

Public Works Department's Office.

TUESDAY, December 29:—

Goods per *Tekin* unclaimed after this

date at Noon will be subject to rent

and landing charges.

Goods per *E. F. Ferdinand* undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Corinthian* undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, December 31:—

Goods per *Sanki Maru* not cleared on

this date subject to rent.

## NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be

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## BULGARIA COMPLAINS.

### OF OFFENSIVE PASSAGE IN SULTAN'S SPEECH.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 23.  
A Bulgarian Note to the Powers complains of the offensive tone of a passage in the Sultan's speech, at the opening of the Turkish Parliament, referring to Bulgaria. It is feared that the remarks will lead to further tension in Turco-Bulgarian relations.

## HAPPY EVENT EX- PECTED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 23.  
In the Hague Chamber, in the presence of all the Ministers of the Government, the physicians' declaration was read stating that Queen Wilhelmina was undoubtedly *enceinte*. There was great cheering at the announcement.

## ALLEGED ABUSES.

### IN CUSTOMS HOUSES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 23.  
Kang Chun Lin, a Censor, has memorialized the Throne that abuses, unequalled in number by any other Province, exist in the Kwangtung and Fokien Customs.

## RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE NAVY.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, December 23.  
It had been decided by the Grand Council that next year the Navy shall be re-organized; the new system regarding the status and promotion of officials be adopted; the Likin tax be abolished and the Customs duties and rates increased.

## THE SHAVING OF THE HEAD.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)  
PEKING, December 23.  
The Grand Council and the Board of Rites jointly memorialized the Throne that the people might be allowed to shave their heads before the Chinese New Year, instead of one hundred days after the death of the late Emperor.

## MR LLOYD GEORGE ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

LONDON, December 22.  
Mr Lloyd George speaking in Liverpool said that Lord Lansdowne had usurped a sovereignty not claimed since Charles I, which we were not going to stand, and we were not going to quote King Lansdowne any longer but to shatter his throne. The House of Lords must be challenged on the question of finance.

## THE LARGEST BRIDGE IN THE WORLD.

LONDON, December 22.  
The Pennsylvania Railroad plans a bridge of three miles from New York to Long Island with a span to Hell Gate of 1000 feet. The cost will be \$3,000,000, and it will be the largest bridge in the world.

## THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

LONDON, December 22.  
It is not likely that any steps will be taken in the Straits Opium Commission report until the conclusion of the Shanghai conference. The suggestion that the publication of the report is delayed for political purposes is unfounded.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

IN SOUTH AFRICA.  
MR. S. Schneider, of Johannesburg, O. R. S. is very grateful to the manufacturer of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He has found that it cures his children as well himself of their coughs and colds. They were all coughing and got no relief until this remedy was used. Many parents here made this same discovery. There is nothing better for coughs, colds and croup, and it is certainly the most reliable substance there is to depend on when it is the child's throat. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## SINGAPORE SCARED.

### PLAGUE INFECTED RATS DISCOVERED AT WHARVES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, December 24.  
Plague infected rats have been discovered in the neighbourhood of the wharves.  
It is supposed that these rats have been brought by vessels from India.  
The Sanitary Department in the South of the City are investigating the matter and adopting every precaution.

## LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, November 17.  
The China Society held its opening winter meeting at the Caxton Hall on Thursday night, and the attendance at it, I expect, be the record for the session. The hall was, in fact, crowded, and everybody interested in China, in any way connected with the Society, or known to its members, was there.

Mr. Byron Brennan, his co-Secretary, Mr. Ivan Chen, was all smiles as he surveyed the auspicious opening. But he had anticipated a crowd, because he had arranged for Sir Robert Hart to take the chair, and the Chinese Minister, Lord Li, to read one paper and the Legation First Secretary, Mr. Ivan Chen, to read a second. Probably, in the first name the public found the strongest attraction. Anyway, there they were and they had a capital evening, many old friendships being renewed as these lately from China met people who preceded them home by a year or two.

Sir Robert Hart, as usual, was optimistic as to the future of China—the tragic events of the Chinese Royal Palace had not then taken place or we might have had interesting statements thereon—and he pointed to the inventive faculty of Orientals, instancing guns, the telephone, the phonograph, diabolos, and a host of other ideas that had come to the West long after the Eastern brain had conceived them. East and West, he said, were far apart, but they were being brought closer every day by steamers, railroads, telegraphs, post-offices, and globe trotters.

Lord Li's short-paper, read by its author in excellent English, was on the general evolution of philosophy and science and he claimed that early in their history the Chinese had appliances of modern civilisation was proved.

Mr. Ivan Chen, as his host was, "full of wise saws and modern instances," to say nothing of genial digs at Western habits and customs. His paper was on "Climbing the social ladder in China." He pointed out, with a sarcastic tinge to his voice, that there were no political parties in China and therefore no party class to influence the conferring of titles. Nor was there a legal profession in China and a man with special bent towards legal subtleties was not regarded as a member of an honourable profession. He would not be spoken of as a barrister at law but by the use of expressions which modestly forbade him to mention in the presence of it, might be, many members of the legal profession.

He went on to show that examinations and real knowledge and merit were the means of emerging from obscurity in China, and the tendency was to modernise the examinations. Incidentally Mr. Chen showed he has got hold not only of the King's English but also some of our slang, for with a twinkle in his eye he added that if the candidates for examinations were lacking in knowledge or alertness they were promptly "chucked out."

In the subsequent discussion sympathetic speeches in regard to the progress of China were made by General Ewitt, Mr. W. Cartwright, and others.

Sir Robert Hart got in another good word for China by saying that grit and energy and hard work could pave the way to success for the young Chinese.  
The tragic events in the Royal Palace at Peking this week-end have caused a great deal of space to be devoted to things Chinese here in England. It is noticeable, however, that as in most cases where information is meagre and incomplete, the assertions are in the more positive and the stories more sensational, both prospective and retrospective. Thus in the accounts given of the lives of the Emperor and Empress Dowager I have noticed the most striking contradictions and while one paper will portray the Dowager as yielding, to reform another sketches her as a thoroughgoing reactionary. She is variously styled the Catherine the Great and the Queen Elizabeth of China, and her attributes are compared with aspiring adjectives to various classical ladies and so on through the ages down to Lucretia Borgia. The Emperor is similarly dealt with and mournful dynasties are sung at his side, the general tendency being to regard him as a good young man but weak.

And so with the future of China. Sir Robert Hart and other servants of China are close-lipped when questioned as to the future. As to "Old China hands" their views are set forth in parallel columns in most striking contrast—some in favour of Prince Chun and some in ominous prognostication of reactionary evil. The man-in-the-street pays his money for his paper and takes his choice of the news. All that can be said is that the West is watching the East with the keenest interest and hope is strong that the progress of the Flowery Land will continue to develop. Indeed, wise men with a knowledge of East and West are mainly of the opinion that the modern spirit has permeated the Chinese too far now for any serious set back to arise.

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Peace and joy to all men bringing!"  
Careless that the chill winds blow,  
Growing stronger, sweeter, clearer,  
Noiseless footfalls in the snow  
"Bring the happy voices nearer."  
Hear them singing,  
"Winter's drear,  
But Christ is here;  
Mirth and gladness with Him bringing!"  
"Merry Christmas!" hear them say,  
As the East is growing lighter  
"May the joy of Christmas Day  
Make your whole year gladder, brighter!"  
Join their singing,  
"To each home  
Our Christ has come,  
All Love's treasures with Him bringing!"  
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## SPORTING.

### Football.

Only three league matches are down for decision on Saturday, the Buffs and the R.G.A. having a rest. The Royal Engineers are to meet the Y.M.C.A. for the first time this season at 3 p.m., on the military ground, while the Naval Yard United will also oppose the R.A.M.C. for the first time, on the Naval ground as well as the B.O.C. and Lusitano at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m. All the teams have materially improved since the inauguration of the League and when the teams meet they ought to be more evenly matched than hitherto.

The following will play for the B.O.C. against the Lusitano at 4 p.m., at Causeway Bay on Saturday:—C. Ferreira, A. Abbas, Y. Abbas, L. Cordero, H. J. White, J. Chow, J. E. Chanyut, J. L. Goldenberg, G. Evans, C. Sequeira, R. Remedios, H. H. Muskett and A. R. Ellis.

The I.R.C. team will be:—R. C. da Silva, A. R. Hyndman, Frank Soares, P. da Rosa, J. M. Brito, H. A. Hyndman, A. O. Bordoito, V. Azavedo, A. Ribeiro.

On Saturday, at 3 p.m. a match will be played between the Y.M.C.A. and the Royal Engineers on the Military ground, Happy Valley. The following will play for the Y.M.C.A.:—Goal, Atkins; backs, McCubbin, Van Ginkel; half-backs, Storrer, Wharton, Hunter; forwards, Kelly, Wilson, Vivesch, Clematis, Bishop.

### Cricket.

There are no League cricket matches down for decision on Saturday.

A match will be played at Happy Valley on Saturday between the Craighower Cricket Club and the Parsees, at 2.15 p.m. sharp, on the ground of the former. The following members will represent the Parsee team:—J. D. Norris, (Captain), B. D. Tata, J. A. Chinyo, B. K. Mody, R. J. Damiavalla, S. B. Batiwalla, N. B. Shroff, R. Potonjee, A. Movawalla, P. F. Vapiwalla, J. P. Heera, Reserves:—K. K. Mehta, K. D. Gaudar, M. F. Billimoria; Umpire, Mr. A. B. Avasia. Craighower's team will be composed of: G. A. Hancock, Capt. J. H. L. Manderson, Mr. E. Asgor, L. A. Rosa, A. Oman, P. Curry, R. Carvalho, A. Carvalho, A. P. Greaves, R. Phillips and F. Drude.

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The match commences to-morrow, Xmas Day, at 2 p.m., and by the kindness of Major E. W. Evans and Officers of the 15th Rajputa the Regimental Band will play selections of music on the ground during the afternoon. The match will be continued on Saturday, Boxing Day, at 11 a.m. and during the afternoon by the kindness of Major E. W. R. Chitty and Officers of the 10th Madras the Regimental Band will be in attendance.

## PARSEES & MOSLEMS.

A friendly match between these teams will be played on the Parsee ground on Christmas Day, commencing at 2 o'clock. The Parsee side will be:—Norris (Capt.), S. Batiwalla, J. Chinyo, H. Manderson, J. Shroff, R. Damiavalla, and M. Billimoria.

## League Table.

The following is the League Table up to date:—

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Craighower	7	2	2	3	4	28.57%
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## REVIEW.

Vivienne's Venture, by Viola Graeme.

London, Francis Griffiths.

A book of variable merit. At times the story drags heavily along over a patch of prosy reflections, occasionally there is a flash of brightness, once or twice the feelings are outraged by details of decidedly unpleasant incidents, while again some of the sentimentality is a trifle nauseating. The "Venture" takes the form of a society girl's dabble in journalism, and it may at once be said that the story is based on incidents and happenings that border almost on impossibilities, while the consistency of character and action is utterly absent. It is difficult to discover the precise purport of the book, unless it be the exposure of what we have grown accustomed to hear spoken of as the sins and shame of society life. Certainly the authors, who, by the way, is a local lady, has her complaints to make on this score, for she puts many bitter indictments on these lines into the mouths of her characters. But even these have often been heard before in similar language. Here is a sample:—

"Dah! I have had enough of it; come a way. I am heartily sick of the follies of the day, the heartlessness of women, the absolute vanity of all. Do you know that some of these creatures positively weep over a complexional defect and care less than nothing for the sufferings of a child? The illness of a favourite dressmaker leaves her leisurely waiting for money; the age is declared, in another place, to be an utterly heartless one—'love and honour, purity of life, high ideals and noble aspirations seemed of no account in comparison with the possession of valuable things, of gorgeous trappings.' But these are but mild imprecations compared to the following passage:—'I don't even think that most despised of all women, the procuress, is any worse than the society mother, who deliberately sells her daughter, her soul, and spirit to a wealthy well-placed husband. Extremes meet, my dear, but there's not much difference between the ladies of pleasure all the world over, whether they be duchesses of the French Empire or the daughters of a poor Lancashire miller.'"

Although an impossible being, Vivienne Darcy—to use her assumed name—is at times a most interesting character. She is the niece of Lady Castlemaine, but rather than consent to an arranged marriage she leaves her leisurely waiting for money; the age is declared, in another place, to be an utterly heartless one—'love and honour, purity of life, high ideals and noble aspirations seemed of no account in comparison with the possession of valuable things, of gorgeous trappings.' But these are but mild imprecations compared to the following passage:—'I don't even think that most despised of all women, the procuress, is any worse than the society mother, who deliberately sells her daughter, her soul, and spirit to a wealthy well-placed husband. Extremes meet, my dear, but there's not much difference between the ladies of pleasure all the world over, whether they be duchesses of the French Empire or the daughters of a poor Lancashire miller.'"

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**YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.**

Hongkong, November 29, 1908.	16
<p><b>Notice to Consignees</b></p> <p>NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.</p> <p>THE PENINSULAR &amp; ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER <i>SUNDA</i>.</p> <p>FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, AND SINGAPORE STRAITS.</p>	<p><b>Notices to Consignees</b></p> <p>AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.</p> <p>FROM YOKOHAMA-KOBE AND SHANGHAI.</p>

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon where such Consignees may call to receive the same.

ment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and Delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 28th inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within 30 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted.

Goods have left the Godowns, and Claims must be sent to the Office of Undersigned before Noon, on the 28 December, 1903, or they will not be cognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godown after the 28th December, 1903, will subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SANDER, WIELER & Co.  
Princo's Buildings,  
Hongkong, December 22, 1903.

after the goods have left the Godowns.  
**E. A. HEWITT,**  
*Superintendent.*  
 (Hongkong, December 21, 1908. 1721)

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**IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.**  
**NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.**  
**BREMEN.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**THE Steamship**  
**DISREFFLINGER,**  
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are  
herby informed that their Goods, with the  
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valu-  
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Limited, Kowloon, and West Kint  
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 remaining undelivered after the 24th of  
 December, will be subject to the  
 of the British, United and Damaged Goods  
 are to be left in the Gods, where they  
 will be examined on the 24th of December,  
 at 9.30 a.m.  
 No more must reach us before the 24th  
 of December, 1908, or they will not be ac-  
 cepted.  
 No fire insurances will be effected.  
 Rules Lading will be countermanded by  
 the undersigned.

**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.**  
Hongkong, December 18, 1908. 1700

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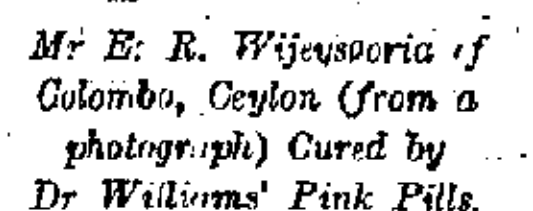
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Empire (a).....	Gibb Livingston & Co.	JAN. 7, at No.	
Manchester Castles (a).....	Dowdell & Co. Limited	About Jan. 1.	
Chochohan Maru (a).....	Omaka Shosen Kaisha.	Dec. 31, at 8	
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Delta (s) .....	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 26, at 8
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Teau (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 31, at 1
Tam (s) (s) .....	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 29, at 2

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Zafra (n)	Shevan, Thomas & Co	Dec. 26, at S
Zafra (n)	Shevan, Thomas & Co	Jan. 2 - at N
Sicilia (n)	P. & O. Co.	About Dec.
Changsha (n)	Burnfield & Swire.	Jan. 28, at N
Ernst Waldman (n)	Melchers & Swire.	Dec. 26, at N
Prince Simons (n)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 25, 1
Komano Maru (n)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 22, at N
Sikh (n)	Dowdell & Co. Limited	January 2, at N
Indrawadi (n)	Fairline, M'Nee & Co, Ltd	About Jan. 2
Chiyo Maru (n)	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	Dec. 26, at N
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Amesbury	Chongshing (s) .....	Jardine, Math & Co., Ltd	Dec. 23, at
Y'm	Araratton Apar (s) .....	D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd	Dec. 23, at

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